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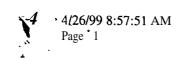
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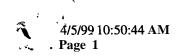
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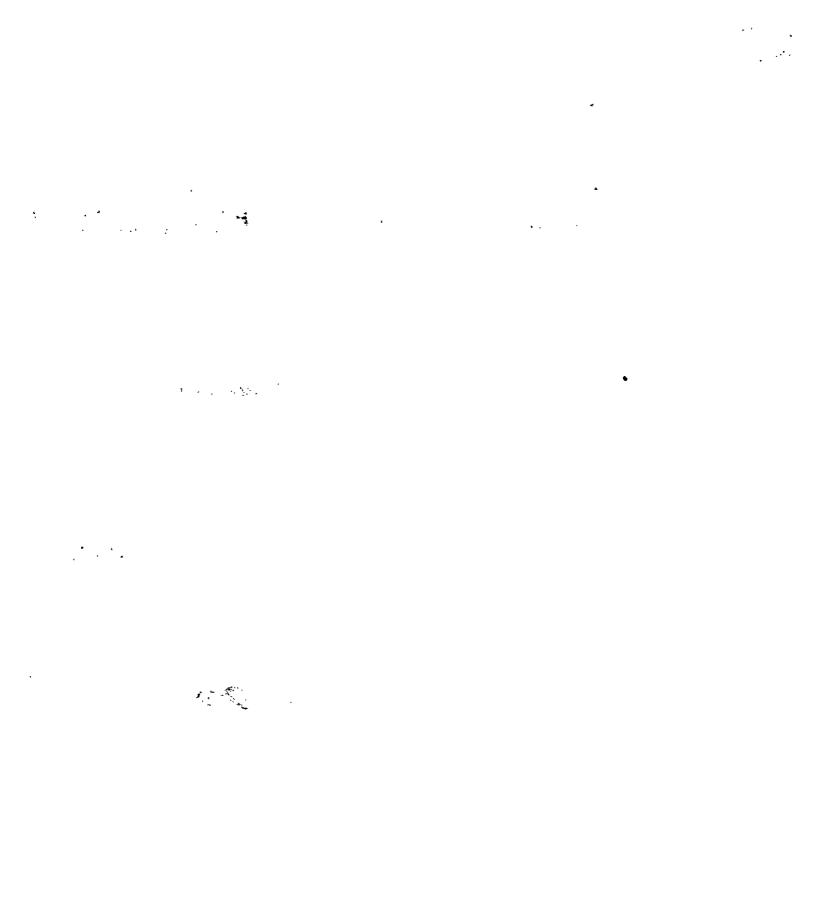
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AN ACT ...; relating to: pay day loan services and granting rule-making

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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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- 8 (d) "Payday loan" means a transaction between a person and the issuer of a9 check in which the person agrees to do all of the following:

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Section 1
1. Accept a check from the issuer.
2. Hold the check for a period of time without negotiating or presenting the
check for payment.
3. Pay to the issuer the amount of the check, less any applicable fee, upon
accepting the check.
(e) "Payday loan service" means a person licensed under s. 138.09 who makes
payday loans in the ordinary course of business.
(2) Disclosure requirements. Before disbursing funds pursuant to a payday
loan, a payday loan service shall provide all of the following to the applicant:
(a) A clear and conspicuous printed or typewritten notice indicating all of the
following:
1. That a payday loan is not intended to meet long-term financial needs.
2. That a payday loan is meant to provide funds in a financial emergency.
3. That the will be required to pay additional fees if the loan is refinanced rather
than paid in full when due.
(b) A clear and conspicuous printed or typewritten notice comparing the cost
of the proposed payday loan if paid in full at the end of the loan term with the cost
of the payday loan if consecutively refinanced and then paid in full 16 weeks after
the date of the original payday loan.
(c) A clear and conspicuous printed or typewritten notice that the applicant may
cancel the transaction, at no cost to the applicant, at any time before receiving the
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(d) **Educational** materials provided by the department under sub. (4).

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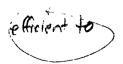
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Marchant, Robert

To: Welsh, Michael

Subject: Preliminary amendment language

Michael--

Here is the preliminary language for the requested amendments. I am forwarding a copy of this **email** to Pat Essie's office so that he will also have the language. As I mentioned, I can not efficiently draft the amendments until the bill itself is in introducible form because the amendment must refer the line numbers of the bill.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Robert J. Marchant

Legislative Attorney State of Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau robert.marchant@legis.state.wi.us

AMENDMENT ONE:

(3g) Charges upon default. Notwithstanding ss. 138.09 (7) (c) and (e) and s. 422.203, if an applicant fails to make a payment due under a payday loan on or before the payment's scheduled or deferred due date, the payday loan service shall not do any of the following:

- (a) Impose a delinquency charge.
- (b) Charge interest if the payment remains unpaid at least 2 days after the final scheduled maturity date of the payday loan.

AMENDMENT TWO:

(3r) Refinancing payday loans. Notwithstanding ss. 138.09 (7) (f), 422.204 and 422.206, a payday loan service shall not enter into a combined total of more than 3 consecutive payday loans, refinancing agreements, deferral agreements or consolidation agreements with an applicant if each loan or agreement is used by the applicant to pay or forestall payment of an existing debt under a payday loan with the payday loan service.

AMENDMENT THREE:

(1 m) Required applicant information. Before disbursing funds pursuant to a payday loan, a payday loan service shall reasonably attempt to determine the number and amount of payday loans between payday loan services and the applicant that are outstanding.



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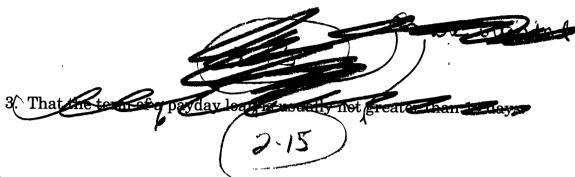
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8. That refinancing a payday loan or entering into consecutive payday loans to pay an existing payday loan is not advised and may cause financial hardship for the applicant.

DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Attached is the preliminary draft of the payday loan bill that you requested through Pat Essie. Please contact me with any questions or suggested changes. I will not redraft the bill in introducible form until you approve of the bill's contents. Per your request, I have provided Mr. Essie with a copy of this note and the attached bill.

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May 3, 1999

Attached is the preliminary draft of the payday loan bill that you requested through Pat Essie. Please contact me with any questions or suggested changes. I will not redraft the bill in introducible form until you approve of the bill's contents. Per your request, I have provided Mr. Essie with a copy of this note and the attached bill.

In addition, you have requested three amendments to the bill. Because the amendments must refer to the page and line numbers of the bill, I can most efficiently draft the amendments after the bill is in final, introducible form. Thus, at this time I have not completed the amendments to the bill. However, the tentative language of the three amendments is as follows:

Amendment one

CHARGES UPON DEFAULT. Notwithstanding ss. 138.09 (7) (c) and (e) and 422.203 of the statutes, if an applicant fails to make a payment due under a payday loan or before the payment's scheduled or deformed to the following:

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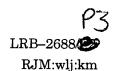
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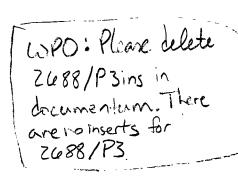


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- (a) "Applicant" means a person who obtains or seeks to obtain a payday loan.
- (b) "Check" has the meaning given in s. 403.104 (6).
 - (c) "Department" means the department of financial institutions.
 - (d) "Payday loan" means a transaction between a person and the issuer of a check in which the person agrees to do all of the following:

1	1. Accept a check from the issuer.
(2)	2. Hold the check for a period of time (Chart negotiating or presenting the
3	check for payment.
4	3. Pay to the issuer the amount of the check, less any applicable fee, upon
5	accepting the check.
6	(e) "Payday loan provider" means a person licensed under s. 138.09 who makes
7	payday loans in the ordinary course of business.
8	(2) Disclosure requirements. Before disbursing funds pursuant to a payday
9	loan, a payday loan provider shall provide all of the following to the applicant:
10	(a) A clear and conspicuous printed or typewritten notice indicating all of the
11	following:
12	1. That a payday loan is not intended to meet long-term financial needs.
13	(Payday loans should not be used of the loan proceeds are needed for more than 14)
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15	2. That an applicant should use a payday loan only to provide funds in a
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18	refinanced rather than paid in full when due.
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1	(1) The creation of section 138.14 of the statutes first applies to payday loans
2	made on the effective date of this subsection.
3	SECTION 4. Effective date.
4	(1) The creation of section 138.14 of the statutes and Section 3 (1) of this act
5	take effect on the first day of the month beginning after publication.
6	(END)

DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Attached is the serion of the preliminary draft that you requested through Pat Essie regarding payday loan providers. This draft incorporates a few technical changes (see relating clause, title to proposed s. 138.14, effective date and corrected reference to payday loan provider in proposed s. 138.14 (4) (b) and in nonstatutory material), along with other substantive changes requested through Pat Essie's office (clarification that payday loan provider may negotiate or present a check provided by an applicant under proposed s. 138.14 (1) (d) 2.5 elimination of second sentence in proposed s. 138.14 (2) (a) 1. and clarification of disclosure re uired under proposed s. 138.14 (2) (b) and rules required under proposed s. 138.14 (4) 9 Please contact me with any questions or suggested changes. I will not redraft the bill in introducible form until you approve of the bill's contents. Per your request, I have provided Mr. Essie with a copy of this note and the attached bill.

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Rat Essie's office has asked whether amendment one prohibits a payday loan provider from charging a non-sufficient funds (NSF) fee for returned checks. Among other things, the tentative language of amendment one states that a payday loan provider may not impose a delinquency charge if an applicant fails to make a payment when due under a payday loan. Although the term "delinquency charge" is not defined in the statutes or relevantly discussed in any Wisconsin caselaw, it is possible that a court would consider an NSF fee to be a delinquency charge prohibited by amendment one. If you intend to allow a payday loan provider to charge an NSF fee, I recommend creating an exemption for an NSF fee in amendment one.

Once again, please contact me with any questions or suggested changes.

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June 1, 1999

Attached is the "/P3" version of the draft that you requested through Pat Essie regarding payday loan providers. This draft incorporates a few technical changes (see relating clause, title to proposed s. 138.14, effective date and corrected reference to payday loan provider in proposed s. 138.14 (4) (b) and in nonstatutory material), along with other substantive changes requested through Pat Essie's office (clarification that a payday loan provider may negotiate or present a check provided by an applicant under proposed s. 138.14 (1) (d) 2., elimination of second sentence in proposed s. 138.14 (2) (a) 1. and clarification of disclosure required under proposed s. 138.14 (2) (b) and rules required under proposed s. 138.14 (4)). Please contact me with any questions or suggested changes. I will not redraft the bill in introducible form until you approve of the bill's contents. Per your request, I have provided Mr. Essie with a copy of this note and the attached bill.

In addition, you have requested three amendments to the bill. Please refer to the drafter's note to the "/P2" version of the draft of this bill for the tentative language of these amendments. It is my understanding that you intend par. (a) of amendment one to be deleted.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 1999

TO: Rob Marchant, Drafting Attorney

RE: **LRB-2688/P3**

As we near the introduction of this legislation, there are a few changes and one question that need to be clarified.

Page 1, line 6 Check Definition - By defining check, will this prohibit electronic transmission transactions?

Page 2, line 1749 Disclosure Requirements - Remove the phrase "is not advisable and" in line 18. Would like it to read as, "That refinancing a payday loan or entering into consecutive payday loans to pay an existing payday loan may cause financial hardship for the applicant."

Page 3, line 5-8 Posting Requirement - Add the word "conspicuously" on line.5 so that is reads 'A payday loan provider s half conspicuously post a copy of each...". Remove the phrase on line 6 and 7 that reads "each entrance to each location where the payday loan provider does business and at" Would like it to read as, "A payday loan provider shall conspicuously post a copy of each notice required under sub. (2) (a) and (c) at each place where, in the ordinary course of business, an applicant signs a contact for a payolay loan."



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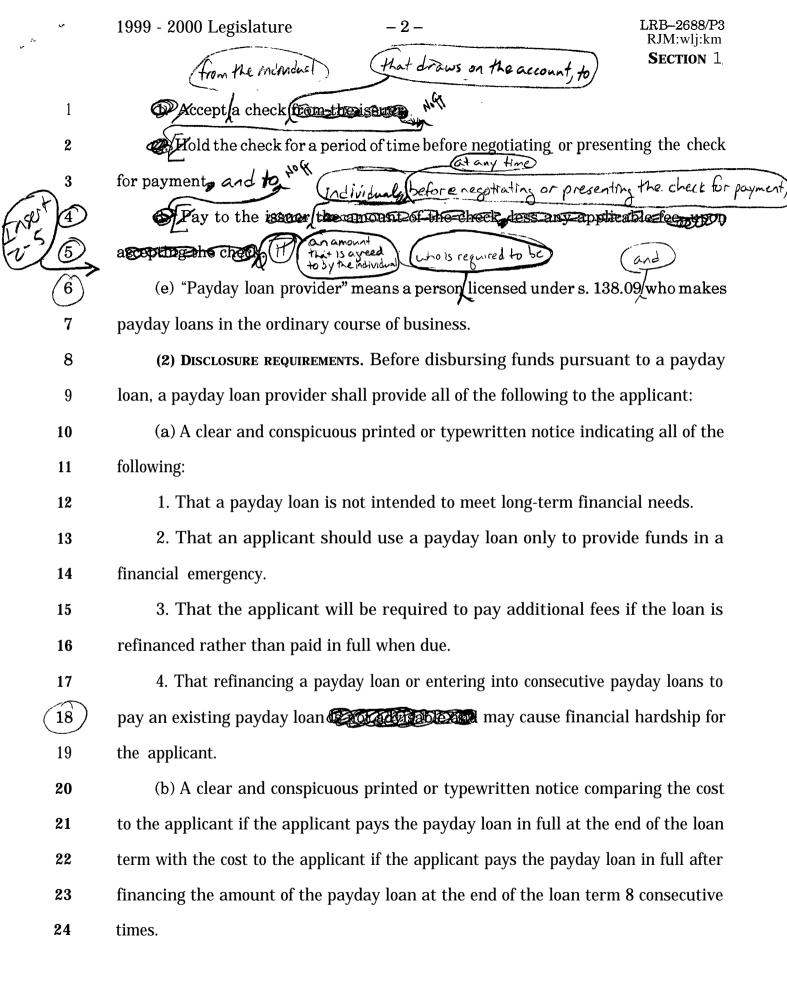
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- (b) Upon the request of a payday loan provider, the department shall supply the payday loan provider with copies of the educational materials developed under par. (a). The department may charge a payday loan provider a reasonable fee for educational materials supplied under this subsection.

Section 2. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Submission of proposed rules governing payday loan providers. No later than the first day of the 6th month beginning after publication, the department of financial institutions shall submit in proposed form the rules governing payday loan providers under section 138.14 (4) of the statutes, as created by this act, to the legislative council staff under section 227.15 (1) of the statutes.

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Currently, state and federal law contain numerous provisions regulating consumer loans (generally, loans of \$25,000 or less made to individuals for personal, family or household purposes). For example, under current law, a creditor in a consumer loan must **provide** the borrower under the loan with certain information before the loan is consummated. Among other things, the creditor must disclose the total amount financed in the transaction, the amount of the finance charge assessed in the transaction and the cost of the credit calculated as a yearly rate. The creditor must also provide the borrower with a notice that encourages the borrower to examine the loan documentation and that advises the borrower of certain rights.

This bill creates additional notice requirements that specifically apply to payday loans. In a typical payday loan transaction, the creditor accepts a personal check from the borrower, pays the borrower the amount of the check less any applicable finance charge and agrees to wait a short time, such as two weeks, before depositing the check. Under this bill, before disbursing funds pursuant to a payday loan, the payday loan provider must provide the borrower with a notice that compares the cost of the payday loan if it is paid in full when due with the cost of the payday loan if it is paid in full after being refinanced eight times. Furthermore, the payday loan provider must notify the borrower that a payday loan is not intended to meet long-term financial needs, that a payday loan should be used only in a financial emergency, that the borrower will be required to pay additional fees if the payday loan is not paid in full when due and that refinancing the payday loan, or entering into consecutive payday loans to pay an existing payday loan, may cause financial hardship.

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- 1. Attached is a completed draft relating to payday loan providers. This draft incorporates three changes communicated to me by Pat Essie. These changes are:
- (a) Amending the **draft** so that it covers payday loans that involve electronic fund transfers.
- (b) Removing the language in proposed s. 138.14 (2) (a) 4., stats., regarding the advisability of refinancing or entering into consecutive payday loans.
- (c) Changing the posting **requirement** in proposed s. 138.14 (3), stats., to require posting in a conspicuous location at each place where, in the ordinary course of business, an applicant signs a contract for a payday loan.
- 2. This draft also corrects two other issues that I discovered while completing the draft. I have discussed both of these changes with Pat Essie's office. These changes are:
- (a) Broadening the definition of "payday loan" to cover **non-typical p**ayday loans (for example, loans for more than the amount of the applicant's check or loans that are not disbursed **immediately** upon acceptance of the applicant's check). See proposed s. 138.14 (1) (f) stats.
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Please let me know if any of the above changes are not consistent with your intent.



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 - (e) "Organization" has the meaning given in s. 19.42 (11).
 - (f) "Payday loan" means any of the following:
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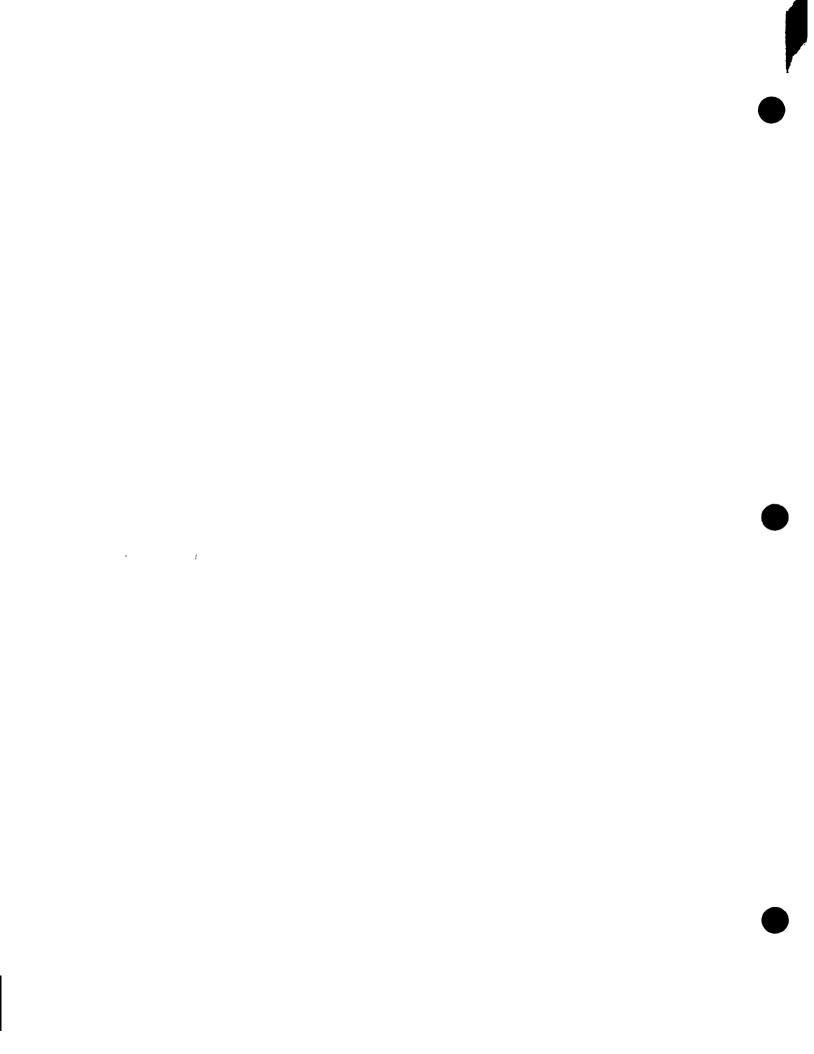
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